

Bees and Honey

Honey production in Utah from producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.2 million pounds during 1999, down 33 percent from the 1998 level. The number of colonies at 26,000 was down 4,000 from the previous year. Production per colony, at 45 pounds, was 13 pounds below the level of 1998.

The price received per pound of honey averaged 68

cents, up 3 cents from 1998. The total value of the honey produced in 1999 was \$796,000, a decrease of 30 percent from 1998.

Several Utah apiaries kept their bees in other States during part of the year. Honey produced in other States was counted in that states production and not included in the Utah production.

Honey: Colonies of Bees, Production, & Value, Utah, 1992-99

Year	Honey Producing Colonies	Honey			
		Production		Value of Production	
		Yield per Colony	Total	Average Price per Pound	Total
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars
1992	47	56	2,632	58	1,527
1993	42	53	2,226	55	1,224
1994	43	59	2,537	53	1,345
1995	32	33	1,056	65	686
1996	34	46	1,564	85	1,329
1997	32	52	1,664	75	1,248
1998	30	58	1,740	65	1,131
1999	26	45	1,170	68	796

Utah Bee Colonies and Honey Production per Colony, 1992-99

